

## BLOOMFIELD

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN • PHONE BIRMINGHAM 3730  
SPECIAL MATINEE—DEC. 29—OPEN 1:45 P. M.



PLUS  
NEW YEAR'S EVE SHOW  
**A Birth-day Mirthquake..**  
—when Lupe's baby proves a phony and Leon tries to cover up!

**Mexican Spitfires**  
**BLESSED EVENT**  
LUPE VELEZ  
LEON ERROL

Produced by BERT GILROY • Directed by LESLIE GOODWINS  
Screen Play by Charles E. Roberts and Gene Lister. Story by Charles E. Roberts.

NEWS AND CARTOON PLUS ANOTHER  
THRILLING CHAPTER OF "FLYING CADETS"  
SATURDAY MATINEE

## Army Ribbons Awarded to Bell Employees

Fourteen thousand Michigan Bell Telephone Company employees have been awarded an "essential war service ribbon" by the Company following high commendation by Brigadier General Frank E. Stoner, Chief of Army Communications Service, U. S. Army Signal Corps.

General Stoner wrote of the importance of the work of the telephone personnel to military operations.

"The emblem is a red, white and blue ribbon decoration on which the figure of a telephone is superimposed. Each ribbon was contained in a folder with the commendation by General Stoner and a tribute from George M. Welch, president of the company.

"The efficiency and spirit with which every member of the telephone family is working to keep the vital communications system of our country functioning are reflected in more ways than one in the total accomplishments of our military force," General Stoner wrote.

## Cranbrook Botanist At Audubon Club

Mrs. Marjorie T. Bingham, botanist at the Cranbrook Institute of Science, will speak to the Detroit Audubon Club, Monday, December 27, in the WWJ Auditorium, 626 W. Lafayette Blvd., Detroit at 8:00 P. M. Mrs. Bingham is sponsored by the Educational Division of the Department of Conservation and her subject will be "Proposed Recreational Areas of Southeastern Michigan." It concerns a project of vital interest to all in this part of the state so the public has been invited to attend the lecture. Nature lovers particularly are urged to attend.

AT FIRST  
SIGN OF A  
**COLD**  
USE 666  
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

**Berkley**  
Tonight through Thursday  
Loretta Young and  
Melvyn Douglas in  
"He Stayed for Breakfast"  
plus Joan Bennett and Randolph  
Scott in "The Texans"

On Our Stage 9:00 p.m.  
Thursday Night  
"85"

Friday and Saturday  
Robert Young and James Stewart  
in "Navy Blue and Gold" plus  
"The Girl from Monterey"

SPECIAL NEW YEAR'S  
KIDDIES SHOW  
And Chapter 2 of "The Batman"

Sunday through Tuesday  
Fred Astaire and Joan Leslie  
in "The Sky's the Limit"  
plus Charles Beyer and Joan Fontaine  
in "The Constant Nymph"

ALSO ADDED LATEST WAR NEWS  
AND COLOR CARTOONS

Our Sunday Schedule:  
"The Constant Nymph" shown at—  
1:15, 2:45 and 9:45  
"The Sky's the Limit" shown at—  
1:15, 2:45 and 11:45



## Leave Long Distance Wires Open for Boys In Camp on New Year's; Let Them Call You

Civilians who want to do something for service men during the holidays can take a tip from the Michigan Telephone Company and lay off non-essential long distance calls.

The company retards the calls made by service men as a war time measure. Military leaders say that much of the credit for the high morale of men in uniform must go to their opportunity to get a direct line home. There is much evidence, too, that the calls mean just as much to the parents and families back home.

Incidentally, the company suggests that calls involving service men originate with them rather than with the family back home. It takes too long to locate the men in camp.

Civilians who must use long distance are asked not to do so between 7 and 10 at night when most service calls are placed. They also are urged to call by telephone number, when possible, to save the time of operators.

Last year, nearly 95,000 calls were made on New Year's Eve. Should history repeat itself this year, the company is fearful that

Deliberate Snub  
Jones—Good morning, my dear friend. Yesterday I met your wife, but she didn't see me.  
Smith—Yes, that's what she told me.

Waiting for All Seats  
"Well, I finally got into the movies."  
"You really did? How?"  
"Oh, I paid the usual fifty cents."

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## Ripped at Rabaul



There's plenty of flak flying at you when you're over Rabaul, says Lieut. James K. Brothers as he examines a big hole in his plane from the solid safety of a carrier's flight deck.

## 'Armor' in Italy



Pfc. Thomas Patrick of Hilton, Okla., fits himself out with a pair of G. I. drawers in Italy, just what mother always said to wear. He's fighting with the U. S. 5th Army—the nearer Rome, the colder (and hotter).

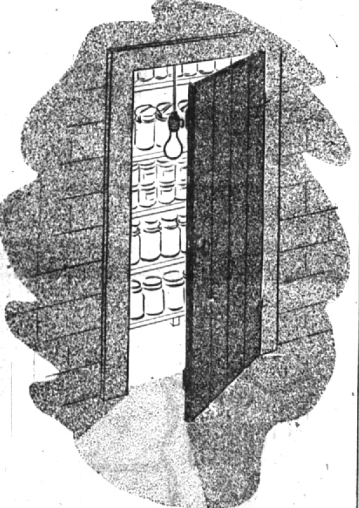
Surprised? IT Say!  
"It was grand as you to live from that height, fully clothed, in effect such a magnificent rescue," the look-in-on declared.  
"That's all very well," snarled the hero; "but what I want to know is—who pushed me in?"

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**Season's Greetings**  
Watch the Old Year 'Out' & New Year 'In'  
WITH US AT **BIG WHOOPEE** LATE SHOW  
COMPLETE PROGRAM AFTER 10:30 P. M.  
**BIRMINGHAM** LATE TIMES THURSDAY  
HOPE "Let's Face It" & "SUBMARINE ALERT"



COMING DURING JANUARY  
"I Dood It" and "Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case"  
"Guadalcanal Diary" and "Dancing Masters"  
"Sweet Rosie O'Grady" and "Tornado"  
Get Your "War Bond" Order Ready



## THE LIGHT IN THE FRUIT CELLAR

Someone, perhaps Mrs. Jones, went down to get a jar of victory garden tomatoes last evening and forgot to turn off the light. It wasn't discovered until next morning—washday, luckily—when Mrs. Jones started working in the basement.

Ordinarily a small light left burning all night wouldn't be too important. But today ANY waste of electricity is serious because it wastes coal—as well as transportation, manpower, and other critical resources. That is why the Government requests you to conserve electric power—voluntarily—in home and store and office.

Even though electricity is not rationed and there is no shortage in this area, conserve whenever you can, as much as you can. The Detroit Edison Company.

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A  
GLORIOUS  
NEW YEAR

Here's wishing you everything good for this coming year... meaning, of course, Victory and peace again! Then, indeed, will '44 be a glorious year! At its start, we want to thank you wholeheartedly for your patience and kindness in the past... and promise you our unstinting cooperation in the future. Happy New Year!

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**Dickinson's**  
MEN'S STORE  
"In the Wabek Building"

**HAPPIEST NEW YEAR... 1944**

\* Another year, another page...  
time to renew old friendships and that resolution which we make each year—to serve our customers still better than the year before . . . . .

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY  
HAVE A GOOD TIME AND DROP IN TO SEE US  
REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME HERE

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